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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 274
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION To specially recognize Miss Amy Parker on
being named the 2001 Valedictorian at Smyrna
High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those young persons who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence serve as outstanding role models highly deserving of special commendation; and

WHEREAS, Amy Parker, the 2001 Smyrna High School Valedictorian, is one such exceptional student who has worked hard, been very diligent in her studies, and has excelled as one of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Amy has achieved remarkable success, earning a rare 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, This fine scholar was appropriately chosen Most Intellectual of her class and has taken numerous AP Honors classes, including English and Calculus; and

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WHEREAS, She has excelled in Keyboarding and received many honors and awards, including: second place in the Regional Science Olympiad, Sounds of Music II, and Write-It Do-It competitions; third place in the Road Scholar; received Honorable Mention on the Sam Davis Essay, and was the October 1999 and November 1998 Student of the Month; and

WHEREAS, Amy has also received National Science Merit recognition for grades 9-11, received First Place at the Regional Science Olympiad and the Propeller Propulsion State Olympiad, served on the Riverdale Academic Quiz Bowl team, was a representative to the prestigious Governor's School for International Studies, participated in Youth Leadership Rutherford County and Volunteer Girls' State, won honors in World History, was honored with Academic Honors for grades 9-11, and had perfect attendance her freshman year; and

WHEREAS, A true representative of the Volunteer State, she has generously contributed her time and leadership to Beta Epsilon as a member, Vice-President and President; the Interact Club as President; as a tutor in mathematics, as an Office Assistant, as a Peer Helper, as a respected coach for an under-10 girls' soccer team in the Fall and Spring seasons, and as a member of the Ingram Leadership Committee; and

WHEREAS, An excellent scholar-athlete, Amy plays soccer and tennis; she won third place at the 5K Run, and ran in the Cooper Bridge 10K race in Charleston, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, She is a valued member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the Science Club, the Pep Club, the Drama Club, the Spanish Club, Youth Leadership Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Amy has worked tirelessly and successfully to improve her community; she worked in the Tennessee Titans Merchandise Shop during the Beta Beautification Week for ABLES, and the Smyrna High School Booster Club; at her church's Vacation Bible School she served as an assistant teacher and helped with their puppet show; and,

WHEREAS, Her work experience at the I-24 Expo Center and as a Payroll Assistant for Charles Parker Construction, has been highly praised for her outstanding work ethic, and

WHEREAS, Miss Parker's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success; and;

WHEREAS, Her parents, Charles and Pat Parker, her family, her school and her classmates are very proud of her numerous accomplishments and this noteworthy achievement of being named her school's Valedictorian; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and congratulate Amy Parker, reflecting with deep respect on the life of one of Tennessee's best and brightest students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Miss Amy Parker on being named 2001 Smyrna High School Valedictorian and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.